MRAC Board Meeting Monday January 28, 2002 6:45 PM Mark Tellier's house 8283 N. 50th St 414-357-6522 (or the repeater - he lives close) directions to follow in another message

- Minutes

- Treasurer

- Thanks to Mark for having us, especially since he is not on the board (yet)

- Future board meetings - Feb - ?, Mar - ?, April - me, May - Jim, June - probably restaurant as could be a big crowd w/new officers?

- Meetings - Thursday - overhead proj (and copies and transparencies from Matt)
Feb - McNew on Code? March - Audience Participation - How I got started and who helped?
April - ??? + nominations May - Auction + elections June - ???

- VEC

- Xmas Party - $190 ahead (last year was $150 so for last 8 or so years we are only down about $1200)
What about 2002?

- 10M Raffle - $188! Stiller won. I guess he has already used the radio.

- Classes
Extra to start Feb 8 for finish by Superfest - Patrick Moretti and Mark Tellier have said sure, could use some more (since they did the Tech class) - actually would like to see 1 or 2 more to make up the education committee and then they can recruit others and make their own plans
Of course the perennial question about code practice (Dick has been in the hosipital again)
Patrick asked about overhead proj

- Special Event Operation for MRAC 85th birthday - Weekend of March 16-17
Need operators to work various bands/times from home stations using W9RH call sign
Need to talk it up and of course need operators
Certificates to those who send SASE QSL Cards?

- Contest committee - Speaking of operating, we need to get the Field Day/Contest Committee going - SOON

- ARRL Survey

- PR
Did West Allis hamfest. Got 6 Extra class sign-ups there. Will not do a hamfest until 91 in Nov? S. Milw is informal if someone wants to set up their car
Reminder: Have a basic new member package put together. Now I ned to know when we have a new mamber.
Also for Treasurer, start using membership cards for people renewing (dues are due in January, remember)
Superfest - submitted a list of names and our table request to AES
Working on photo album only about 15% done will be long project. Finished product will be a Microsoft Powerpoint presentation - a free viewer is available

- Misc
John Kraak, Sherm Swanson and Jack Hughes have volunteered to be the nominating committee. It's in their hands now. Give them suggestions if you have any (or if you want to run for the same or different office).

- Budget

- Repeater
The featured topic for at least the first 6 months of this year (until I'm out as Prez) is the repeater. That was the plan after we got it relocated to the Eaton building - It was turned on for real right after Thanksgiving 2000. The idea was to have it running for a year to get the bugs out (well, there are still a number of bugs) and then decide what we do about it.
Main issues:
Should we keep it? - Again, we are not a repeater club. It will never be a big time repeater, so what should its focus be?
Currently used 2 nights a week for 1.5 hours each for code practice, 1 night for 0.5-1 hour for general club net, and maybe a few minutes during the rest of the time for general use. Is code practice, one general net and maybe a specialized net

enough?
What about equipment? - question the effectiviness of the Icom box. The amplifier does not like the cavities as a load. One thing which affects the general use of the machine is spotty coverage especially south and low lying areas.
What about location? - The Eaton location is not guarenteed, may only last for another year or two if they move or especially now, depending on people availability which will be down to 1 club member after Mar 15. Ideally the antenna should be about 50 feet higher (just a guess). Also, ideally rent should be free. If not free then the door is opened to raise rent.
What about money? - How to finance anything regarding it?
Dave Karr WAR Freq Coor and technical guy has offered to speak to us about the technical issues and equipment considerations (he worked with us - Mark, on the amplifier problem)